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SUBJECT:STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, MARCH 18

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING  
MARCH 18:

2. Q: COULD YOU TELL US IF THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE HAS --  
ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION -- HAS KOLWEZI BEEN TAKEN, OR  
NOT?

A: WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORTS THAT CAME OUT  
YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT ABOUT KOLWEZI HAVING FALLEN. THE  
LATEST REPORTS ARE ABOUT WHAT I GAVE YOU YESTERDAY, NAMELY,  
THAT THE HOSTILE FORCES ARE ABOUT 150 TO 250 KILOMETERS WEST  
OF KOLWEZI.

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THAT IS ABOUT THE EXTENT OF WHAT I HAVE ON THAT REPORT --  
AND ALSO ON THE MILITARY SITUATION IN GENERAL GIVEN THE  
FACT THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO GET INTO MILITARY SITREPS.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY INDICATION WHETHER THOSE FORCES ARE  
MOVING?

A: I DON'T, BESIDES, I AM NOT GOING TO GET INTO MILITARY  
SITREPS IN THIS CONNECTION.

Q: IS THAT A NEW REPORT, OR IS THAT THE SAME AS YESTERDAY?

A: I AM RESPONDING TO THE REPORTS THAT WERE CURRENT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND YESTERDAY EVENING, ABOUT KOLWEZI HAVING FALLEN.

Q: HAS THE SECOND AMERICAN PLANE LEFT YET?

A: IT HAS NOT, AS FAR AS I KNOW IT IS DUE OUT THIS WEEKEND SOMETIME.

Q: HAS ZAIRE ASKED FOR ANY EMERGENCY PETROLEUM OR GASOLINE SHIPMENTS --

A: NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

Q: FROM THE UNITED STATES?

A: NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

Q: WHAT IS HOLDING UP THE FLIGHT OF THE SECOND PLANE?

A: I DON'T KNOW WHAT -- THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS FOR IT TO GO TODAY. I BELIEVE "THE END OF THE WEEK" WAS SET ORIGINALLY AND I AM NOT SURE WHY -- IT MAY BE DELAYED A DAY OR TWO BEYOND THAT. IT'S A QUESTION OF LOADING THE ITEMS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO SHIP.  
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Q: THERE IS NO REASSESSMENT OF THE NEED OR OPPORTUNITY OF THIS SECOND FLIGHT?

IS THERE STILL A DETERMINATION TO SEND THIS FLIGHT WHAT-EVER --

A: WE PLAN TO SEND THE SECOND FLIGHT AS I ANNOUNCED, AND AS THE DOD ANNOUNCED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK, WE PLANNED TO SEND IT AT THE END OF THE WEEK. OUR ORIGINAL THOUGHT WAS TODAY. APPARENTLY IT WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL TOMORROW OR SUNDAY. WHY, I CAN'T TELL YOU, BUT I DON'T THINK IT INDICATES ANY KIND OF PROFOUND REASSESSMENT IN THE WAY THAT YOU SUGGESTED, ROBERTO.

THERE WAS AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE HILL YESTERDAY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING TO GET HILL REACTION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING ADDITIONAL SMALL ARMS TO ZAIRE. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT?

A: NO, I CAN'T?

Q: DO YOU KNOW?

A: NO, I DON'T.

Q: HOW DOES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT VIEW THE POSSIBILITY, OR THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT SHABA PROVINCE MIGHT FALL TO KATANGA FORCES? IS IT CONFIRMED THAT THAT MIGHT HAPPEN?

ARE WE WORRIED?

A: BARRY, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING BEYOND MY STATEMENTS ON THAT THEME DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, I BELIEVE, AND THE ANSWER WE POSTED, NAMELY, WITH REGARD TO THE TERRITORIAL INTE-  
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GRITY OF ZAIRE AND THE BRIEF REMARKS THE SECRETARY MADE REGARDING THE DANGER TO ZAIRE THAT THIS INCURSION INTO SHABA REPRESENTED.

AND BEYOND THAT, I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY KIND OF COMMENT.

Q: WHAT IS THE ESTIMATE ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF OUTSIDE FORCES IN THIS FIGHT -- OTHER THAN THE KATANGESE? IS THERE ANY INDICATION? YOU MUST HAVE SOME READING ON WHAT KIND OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT THEY ARE USING -- WHERE THEY ARE GETTING THEIR SUPPLIES FROM.

ANY CUBANS? ANY ANGOLANS?

A: BERNIE, OUR ESTIMATES ON THAT SCORE ARE ABOUT WHAT I GAVE YOU YESTERDAY.

WELL, WE HAVE NO FIRM EVIDENCE OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE OPERATIONS, BEYOND WHAT WE HAVE SAID BEFORE REGARDING THE FORMER KATANGAN GENDARMERIE AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT -- WHICH SEEMS FAIRLY CLEAR. REALLY NOTHING, NO DETAILS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ANGOLAN INVOLVEMENT.

Q: HOW ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF EUROPEANS, PORTUGUESE OR BELGIANS?

A: I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT.

Q: DOES OUR PLANE FLY NONSTOP FROM WHATEVER BASE IT FLIES FROM IN THE UNITED STATES, TO ZAIRE? OR IS IT --

A: I DON'T KNOW ITS ROUTING.

Q: WELL IS THAT CLASSIFIED, OR IS IT JUST THAT YOU DON'T KNOW?

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A: I DOUBT THAT IT WOULD BE CLASSIFIED. I KNOW THAT THERE WERE NEWSMEN PRESENT WHEN THE FIRST PLANE WAS BEING LOADED AND TAKING OFF, AND I WAS TOLD BY THE DOD THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO PROBLEM IN WATCHING THAT. OUT OF DOVER -- AS FAR AS THE ROUTE GOES, I FEEL SURE YOU COULD ASK THE DOD AND GET THAT.

AS FAR AS I KNOW IT IS NOT CLASSIFIED.

Q: THE POINT I WANTED TO RAISE IS THAT THIS FORCE HAS BEEN IN SHABA ABOUT A WEEK NOW.

A: YES.

Q: MAYBE A LITTLE BIT MORE.

SO THEY MUST BE GETTING SOME KIND OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT FROM ACROSS THE BORDER, IN ANGOLA.

A: I THINK THAT'S A FAIR ASSUMPTION THAT THERE IS LOGISTIC SUPPORT COMING FROM ACROSS THE BORDER, YES.

Q: AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO QUESTION BUT THAT THE TERRITORY FROM WHICH THIS FORCE CAME WAS FIRMLY -- OR RELATIVELY FIRMLY, LET'S SAY -- UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA.

A: WITHOUT CLASSIFYING THE CONTROL AS: FIRM, MEDIUM OR WEAK -- IT IS, AS YOU SAY, WITHIN THE CONTROL OF THE CENTRAL ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT, YES.

Q: IS IT THEREFORE IN A POSITION TO SAY THAT IT APPEARS, OR IS IT A FACT THAT THE INVADING FORCES IS GETTING LOGISTIC SUPPORT FROM ANGOLA?

A: I THINK THAT IS A FAIR ASSUMPTION, YES.  
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Q: WHAT IS THE EXTENT OF U.S. INVESTMENT IN KATANGA?

A: I DON'T HAVE A GOOD FIGURE. I WILL GET THAT FOR YOU, THOUGH.

Q: THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE, CONFLICTS AGAIN WITH THE STATEMENT BY THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY THAT IN WHICH THEY SOLEMNLY AFFIRMED THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS INVASION.

A: WELL, I HAVE GIVEN YOU OUR VIEW OF IT.

Q: WELL THEN, MAY I ALSO ASSUME THAT THE MILITARY EQUIP-

MENT, THEN, IS OF SOVIET ORIGIN -- OR OF SOVIET BLOC ORIGIN?

A: I DON'T HAVE PRECISION ON THE NATURE OF THE EQUIPMENT.

Q: WE WENT AROUND AND AROUND ABOUT THIS YESTERDAY BUT SINCE IT IS A FAIRLY SAFE ASSUMPTION THAT THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT IS COMING FROM ACROSS THE BORDER -- THEN THIS IS -- YOU ARE DIRECTLY REFUTING THE STATEMENT BY THE ANGOLAN DEFENSE MINISTER ON THURSDAY, WHICH SAID THAT ANGOLA HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE INVASION.

A: I THINK I WOULD LEAVE MY COMMENT ON THAT JUST THE WAY I ANSWERED OZZIE.

Q: WHEN YOU SPEAK OF A FAIR ASSUMPTION, DO YOU MEAN THE LOGICAL DEDUCTION OF YOUR HARD EVIDENCE?

A: IT IS A FAIR ASSUMPTION TO MAKE.

Q: HAVE WE, THROUGH OTHER GOVERNMENTS OR AREAS, COMPLAINED TO THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT THEIR ROLE OF THEIR UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSOCIATION WITH THESE KATANGAN GENDARMES?

A: I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT.

Q: HAVE WE COMPLAINED OR PROTESTED TO ANY GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE SITUATION?

A: I DON'T KNOW.

Q: CAN YOU FIND OUT?

A: I WILL LOOK INTO IT.

Q: ARE THERE GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE IN THE AREA THAT ARE SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN ACTION?

A: THE EQUIPMENT THAT WE ARE SENDING IS BY U.S. AIRCRAFT, BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO THE ZAIRE GOVERNMENT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN BY SUPPORTING.

Q: IS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT KEEPING CONTACT WITH THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA?

A: I SAID YESTERDAY THAT WE DO CONSULT WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES ON THIS AND MAINTAIN ONGOING CONSULTATIONS WITH NATO ALLIES ON IT.

Q: I MEAN, AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS IN THE SOUTH AND CENTRAL

AFRICA.

A: I DON'T KNOW THE NATURE OF OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH  
AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS.

Q: YOU DON'T KNOW WHETHER ANY OF THESE GOVERNMENTS HAS  
EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN ACTION SO FAR?

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A: I DO NOT KNOW.

Q: LET'S PUT IT THIS WAY. HAS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
HAD TO SEEK ANY SPECIAL PERMISSION FOR THESE FLIGHTS TO  
PASS THROUGH OTHER COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO GET TO ZAIRE?

A: I DON'T KNOW, BUT THAT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY ON AN  
OVER-THE-WATER FLIGHT, IT SEEMS TO ME.

Q: WELL, YOU HAVE GOT TO REFUEL SOMEWHERE TO GET FROM HERE  
TO THERE.

A: AS I SAY, I DON'T KNOW THE ROUTE.

Q: ZAIRE IS NOT -- TO GET TO ZAIRE, YOU HAVE TO FLY OVER  
SOMEBODY ELSE'S TERRITORY.

Q: NO, YOU DON'T?

Q: EXCEPT COMING FROM THE -- IS THAT THE WAY THEY ARE  
GOING, THEN? THIS IS WHY I AM ASKING THE QUESTION ABOUT  
THE FLIGHT.

A: AS I TOLD YOU, I DON'T KNOW THE ROUTE. BUT I THINK  
THAT CAN BE OBTAINED.

LET ME CORRECT ONE THING. I NOW SEE THAT THE SECOND  
SHIPMENT IS EXPECTED TO DEPART MONDAY, MARCH 21ST.

Q: THE SECRETARY HAS SAID WE HAVE DIRECT CONTACTS WITH  
THE CUBANS ABOUT BILATERAL RELATIONS IN SEVERAL RESPECTS.  
HAS THE QUESTION OF THE CUBAN ROLE IN THIS INCURSION IN  
ZAIRE COME UP IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS IN ANY WAY?

A: I HAVEN'T ANY IDEA.

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Q: COULD YOU CHECK?

A: I THINK THE SECRETARY MADE THAT REMARK FOLLOWING HIS APPEARANCE ON THE HILL TWO DAYS AGO, AND EVEN QUERIED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA. HE SAID IT WAS VERY, VERY IFFEY, AND HE DIDN'T WANT TO GET INTO IT.

Q: THEN WOULDN'T A GOOD WAY TO FIND OUT BE TO ASK THE CUBANS, THEN?

A: WELL, HE DIDN'T CARE TO GO INTO IT AT THAT TIME, AND I DON'T THINK I WOULD GO INTO IT NOW.

Q: THAT WAS TWO DAYS AGO.

Q: COULD I ASK A QUESTION WHICH HAS BEEN SORT OF IMPLICIT IN A LOT OF THINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN SAID ALL WEEK. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE EVEN BEEN ASKED THIS QUESTION. DOES THE UNITED STATES HAVE ANY OPINION ON THE CROSSING OF THE ZAIRE BORDER BY THESE KATANGESSE FORCES, WHICH YOU NOW SAY ARE CLEARLY SUPPORTED LOGISTICALLY BY ANGOLA. I MEAN, IS THERE ANY VIEW THAT THIS MIGHT BE BREAKING THE U.N. CHARTER? THE ONLY CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE SECRETARY SEEMED TO BE A RATHER OLD-FASHIONED IMPERIALIST ONE THAT THE COPPER INDUSTRY MIGHT SUFFER. I MEAN, THIS IS A SERIOUS QUESTION YOU HAVEN'T ADDRESSED. YOU HAVEN'T REALLY BEEN ASKED IT. DO YOU HAVE ANY VIEW ON THE RIGHT OR WRONG OF THE ACTION?

A: I THINK ANY TIME THERE IS AN ARMED INVASION ACROSS AN INTERNATIONAL FRONTIER INTO A COUNTRY SUCH AS ZAIRE, WE WOULD BE DISAPPROVING. AND I THINK IT FAIR TO SAY, AS IS EVIDENT FROM OUR REPLY REGARDING THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ZAIRE, THAT WE CERTAINLY DISAPPROVE OF THIS.

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Q: HAS THERE BEEN ANY THOUGHT OF GOING TO THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL ON IT?

A: I DON'T KNOW WHAT PLANS WE MIGHT HAVE IN MIND ON THE SUBJECT, OR WHAT THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT HAVE IN MIND ON IT.

Q: CONSIDERING THAT YOU REPORTED HERE MANY TIMES, YOU INFORMED US THAT THERE ARE MANY RABBLE GROUPS AGAINST THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. AND CONSIDERING ALSO THAT THERE WERE WIDE REPORTS THAT SOME OF THESE GROUPS WERE BASED IN ZAIRE. DO YOU SEE ANY RETALIATION FROM THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT NOW?

A: I DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENT OR ANY OBSERVATION TO MAKE ON THAT KIND OF QUESTION.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA OF HOW MUCH REAL FIGHTING HAS BEEN UNDERWAY BY THIS MOVEMENT OF FORCES OUT OF ANGOLA, BECAUSE I AM TOLD BY PEOPLE WHO SHOULD KNOW THAT THEY ARE REALLY SORT OF WALKING DOWN THE ROAD THERE AND THERE HASN'T BEEN MUCH RESISTANCE.

A: I CAN'T FILL YOU IN ON THAT. WHEN WE STARTED THIS OUT A WEEK AGO, I SAID THAT I WASN'T GOING TO GET INTO A MILITARY SITREP SITUATION, SO I DON'T HAVE DETAILS ON THAT, AND I DON'T THINK WE ARE GOING TO GIVE IT OUT.

Q: I WANTED TO ASK, HOW MANY AMERICANS ARE NOW UNDER HOUSE ARREST?

A: THE NUMBER IS THE SAME AS I GAVE YOU YESTERDAY -- TEN. EIGHT, PLUS TWO. AND I HAVE A SLIGHT UPDATE ON AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE AREA. A REVISED EMBASSY ESTIMATE NOW IS THAT THERE ARE 189 AMERICANS IN THE PROVINCE OF SHABA.

Q: DOES THAT INCLUDE KOLWEZI?  
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A: THAT INCLUDES KOLWEZI, YES. ANOTHER ELEVEN HAVE BEEN FLOWN TO KINSHASA ON MARCH 18TH -- THAT IS TODAY -- FROM KOLWEZI, WHICH WOULD BRING A TOTAL OF 37 PERSONS, MOST OF THEM DEPENDENTS OF THE CIS COMPANY IN GASHABA. THAT BRINGS TO A TOTAL OF 37 EVACUEES SINCE THE BEGINNING.

I HAVE GOT THE NUMBER OF 40 AMERICAN CITIZENS, ALL OF THEM EMPLOYEES OF CIS, REMAINING IN KOLWEZI. THAT IS THE EXTENT OF MY UPDATE ON AMERICAN CITIZEN PRESENCE DOWN THERE.

Q: FRED, HAVE YOU SAID WHAT MORRISON-KNUDSON ARE DOING IN THERE, WHAT THEY ARE BUILDING?

A: I HAVEN'T SAID. I BELIEVE IT IS INVOLVED IN MINING. MORE PRECISE THAN THAT -- I DON'T HAVE INFORMATION.

Q: IN YOUR OPENING STATEMENT, YOU SAID YOU HAVE NO CONFIRMATION THAT KOLWEZI HAS BEEN TAKEN.

Q: I WANT TO PUT IT THE OTHER WAY. DO YOU IN FACT HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT IT REMAINS IN THE HANDS OF THE ZAIRE GOVERNMENT?

A: I HAVEN'T POSED THE QUESTION IN THAT FASHION. WE HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT IT HASN'T FALLEN. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU COULD PUT IT -- CONFIRMING THAT IT IS STILL THERE. I THINK YOU CAN ASSUME THAT IT REMAINS UNDER CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE.

I AM NOT CONFIRMING THAT, I AM DRAWING THAT CONCLUSION FROM THE GUIDANCE I HAVE REGARDING THE REFUTATION OF THE



REPORTS LAST NIGHT, JIM. I DON'T WANT TO GET TOO --

Q: THE EMBASSY SAID IT SPOKE TO AMERICANS IN KOLWEZI.

A: YES, SO I THINK THE FACT THAT THERE ARE 40 AMERICANS  
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STILL THERE, YOU CAN DRAW THE CONCLUSION SAFELY THAT IT  
IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE.

Q: ARE THERE ANY REPORTS OF ANY OTHER DIFFICULTIES OR DIS-  
TURBANCES IN ANY OTHER PARTS OF ZAIRE APART FROM SHABA?

A: I DON'T HAVE ANY REPORTS TO THAT EFFECT.

Q: ALL OF THE LACK OF INFORMATION OR YOUR INCLINATION NOT  
TO GIVE IT, IS THIS THE RESULT OF INADEQUATE INTELLIGENCE  
OR IS IT A DECISION TAKEN NOT TO GIVE US AS MUCH INFORMA-  
TION AS YOU DO HAVE AVAILABLE?

A: WE GOT INTO THIS A LITTLE BIT YESTERDAY, AND I ATTEMPTED  
TO REFUTE MURREY MARDER'S NOTION THAT SOMEHOW THERE IS A  
RESTRICTION BEING PLACED ON HANDING OUT INFORMATION. THAT  
IS NOT THE CASE. WE DO HAVE LIMITED INFORMATION COMING  
OUT OF SHABA AND THE REPORTS ARE VERY UNCLEAR, GENUINELY  
UNCLEAR. THAT BEING SAID, I TOLD YOU AT THE BEGINNING, I  
AM NOT GOING TO GET INTO A MILITARY SITUATION REPORTING  
PROCEDURE AT THIS BRIEFING.

Q: WELL, WE STILL AS OZZIE POINTED OUT, WELL PAST A WEEK  
INTO THIS THING, AND YOU ARE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO SAY  
FROM THIS AREA HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED, WHAT KIND  
OF EQUIPMENT IS INVOLVED, AND ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE BEEN A  
LITTLE MORE FORTHCOMING ABOUT THE ANGOLA CONNECTION, YOU  
STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN US ANY CLEAR IDEA, BEYOND THE SITREP  
SITUATION THAT WOULD NORMALLY BE AVAILABLE BY THIS TIME,  
I WOULD THINK. AND I WONDER IF IT IS BECAUSE OUR INTELLI-  
GENCE OPERATION JUST DOESN'T EXIST IN ANY REAL WAY THERE,  
OR YOUR DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO JUST KEEP THIS TO YOUR-  
SELVES?

A: I AM NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON INTELLIGENCE PROCEDURES,  
OR WHAT WE MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE IN THAT REALM. THIS IS  
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ABOUT ALL I AM REALLY PREPARED TO OFFER YOU IN THIS  
PARTICULAR BRIEFING.

Q: JUST ONE POINT. DO WE KNOW, OR CAN YOU TELL US, HOW  
MANY FORCES THE ZAIRE GOVERNMENT HAS NOW GOT ENGAGED IN

SHABA?

A: I CAN'T, I'M SORRY. I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION, BUT THERE AGAIN, I DON'T THINK THAT IS THE KIND OF THING THAT I SHOULD BE HANDING OUT SINCE IT DOES INVOLVE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE FORCES. WE ARE NOT IN A SITREP SITUATION, OZZIE. I DON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION, BUT THERE AGAIN I DON'T THINK WE WOULD BE PUTTING THAT KIND OF THING OUT HERE.

Q: THAT IS SOMETHING YOU MUST HAVE IN THE BUILDING.

A: I PRESUME IN THE BUILDING THERE IS SOME IDEA ON THAT SCORE, YES.

Q: ARE YOU PLANNING ANY FURTHER SHIPMENTS OR FLIGHTS TO ZAIRE?

A: I DON'T KNOW OF ANY OTHER SHIPMENT IN THE WORKS.

Q: HAS ZAIRE ASKED FOR ANY ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE?

A: I KNOW OF NO ADDITIONAL REQUESTS BEYOND THE ONE THAT IS BEING RESPONDED TO BY THESE TWO FLIGHTS, OZZIE.

Q: DO YOU STILL TAKE THE VIEW THAT THESE TWO FLIGHTS SATISFY THE REQUEST AS FAR AS THEY HAVE BEEN MADE?

A: THEY ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE INITIAL REQUEST OF THE ZAIRIANS.  
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